

# Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

May 2015

CATEGORY	May 2015	May 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Logged incidents:				
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	0	2
FIRE	32	24	134	90
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	215	231	1068	1069
OTHER	109	98	458	434
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	1	4	21	28
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	88	70	285	276
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	6	3	21	19
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	11	0	20
Total number of Logged incidents	451	441	1987	1938

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	3	6	22	26
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	42	6	172	235

LEGEND	
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Wildland Fire incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, including but not limited to Tsunami events, Earthquakes, and Critical Incident Stress Debriefings.

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 15-1341 • On May 1, the Washington State Emergency Operations Center activated to Phase II Enhanced Operations effective 1430 hrs in support of local emergency management activities relating to May Day Protests in the City of Seattle. The State EOC returned to Phase I Normal Operations effective 2300 hrs.
- 15-1562 • On May 3, Skamania County conducted a search for a person who had become separated from a group on Mt St. Helens. The Volcano Mountain Rescue Unit was coordinated from Clark County to assist. The individual was located in good condition.
- 15-1572 • On May 3, Skamania County conducted a search for a 40 year-old diabetic male near the town of Washougal. Ground Searchers were coordinated from Clark and Wahkiakum Counties to assist. The individual was found deceased on May 4.
- 15-1615 • On May 7, a magnitude 3.67 earthquake occurred at 0142 hrs located 13 miles ESE of Mount Vernon. There were no damages reported.
- 15-1647 • On May 9, Lewis County conducted a rescue of a kayaker with a fractured leg. A helicopter with a hoist was coordinated from Snohomish County Sheriff's Office to assist. The individual was successfully rescued.
- 15-1660 • On May 10, Skagit County conducted a search for a 73 year-old female with dementia in the La Conner area. A helicopter with Forward Looking Infrared Radar was coordinated from the USCG to assist, however the individual was located by the police department prior to its lift off.
- 15-1661 • On May 10, Mason County conducted a search for a mentally challenged 28 year-old male in the Hoodspert area. Quad vehicles from Thurston County, the Olympic Mountain Rescue Unit from Kitsap County, and Air Scent Dogs from Pierce County were coordinated to assist. The individual was located prior to teams deploying.
- 15-1664 • On May 10, Skamania County conducted a rescue of an injured female hiker suffering from a broken ankle on the Dog Mountain Trailhead. Personnel from Silver Star Search and Rescue in Clark County were coordinated to assist in the rescue.

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- 15-1731 • On May 14, Chelan County requested a helicopter with hoist for the rescue of a hiker with an injured ankle in the Enchantments Area. King County Sheriff's Office accepted the mission and flew the mission on May 15. The subject was rescued and transported to local hospital.
- 15-1752 • On May 15, the University of Washington Seismology Lab reported a magnitude 3.03 earthquake. The event occurred at 1727 and was located 6 miles North of Entiat, WA. There were no reports of injuries or the event being felt in the surrounding areas.
- 15-1805 • On May 20, an Amber Alert was issued for Slevin and Estaleyn-Ophelia Reavis, who were believed to be abducted in Seattle. The Amber Alert was quickly canceled when the children were located in Kelso.
- 15-1819 • On May 21, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for Walla Walla, Columbia, Okanogan and Chelan Counties. A Flash Flood Warning was also issued for Klickitat, Kittitas and Yakima Counties. The warnings for Klickitat and Kittitas were cancelled and Yakima expired later the same evening.
  - On May 21, the National Weather Service issued Severe Thunderstorm Warnings for Whatcom and Yakima Counties. Both warnings expired without further incident.
  - On May 22, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for Yakima, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, Columbia, and Okanogan Counties. The Watch ended at 2100 hours without incident.
- 15-1867 • On May 24, Kittitas County conducted a rescue of a 16 yr old male bike rider with a broken leg southwest of Ellensburg. A helicopter with hoist was coordinated from King County to assist. The subject was transported to the hospital.
- 15-1866 • On May 24, Snohomish County conducted a rescue of two individuals who were stuck on the Mt. Dickerman Waterfall. Mountain rescue support was coordinated from King and Whatcom Counties. The individuals were successfully rescued.
- 15-1880 • On May 25, Skamania County conducted a search for an injured hiker on Dog Mountain. Additional personnel were coordinated from Clark County. The subject was rescued and taken to the hospital for treatment.
- 15-1920 • On May 28, National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Warning for southwestern Okanogan County until 2000 hrs due to heavy rain from a thunderstorm in the area of Methow Valley burn scars. The warning was later expanded to include south central Okanogan County until 2115 hrs. Flooding occurred with two houses threatened and debris flows on gravel

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roads. However, all warnings expired without injury or damage reported.

- 15-1931 • On May 29, The National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for burn scar areas on the east slopes of the North Cascades in Chelan and Okanogan Counties.
- On May 29, the National Weather Service issued Flash Flood Warnings for Central Okanogan County until 1715 hrs (cancelled at 1645 hrs), NE Okanogan County until 1730 hrs, SW Chelan until 1830 hrs, and NW Douglas and East Central Chelan until 1845 (cancelled at 1815) due to thunderstorm activity. The warnings that were not cancelled expired with no reports of injuries or damage.
- On May 29, Severe Thunderstorm Warnings were issued for East Central Chelan County until 1545 hours, NE Ferry and North Central Chelan until 1615 hrs, Central Okanogan County until 1645 hrs, and Eastern Ferry/Central Stevens Counties until 1800 hrs for thunderstorms with potential for torrential rain, large hail, and 60 MPH winds. All warnings expired with no reports of injuries or damages.
- 15-1931 • On May 29, The National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Stevens, Lincoln, Pend Oreille and Spokane Counties. Winds were predicted to gust up to 60 mph with hail. At 2010 hours, the storm moved through downtown Spokane with winds of up to 58 mph. The warning expired at 2115 hours with no reports of injuries or damages.
- 15-1951 • On May 30, Lewis County Dispatch requested DNR assistance with a fire near Glenoma. Pacific Cascade Region was contacted and provided a DNR dispatcher to coordinate up to two additional engines to relieve exhausted local resources. The fire was put down and DNR demobilized early on May 31.
- 15-1962 • On May 30, Yakima County conducted a search for a lost female hiker in the vicinity of Rim Rock Lake. The on-scene coordinator requested helicopter support to find her. Neither King, nor Snohomish Counties were able to support this mission. Coordinated helicopter support with the Yakima Training Center via the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).
- 15-1963 • On May 30, The National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning until 1845 hours for north eastern Ferry and north central Stevens counties, near the Canadian border. Primary concern was quarter-sized hail. The warning was updated at 1935 hours after the storm turned south and 1" sized hail was reported.

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- 15-1976 • On May 31, Chelan County conducted a rescue mission for a climber on Dragon tail Peak with medical issues. Air support was coordinated from Snohomish County. The subject was transported to a local medical facility.
- 15-1984 • On May 31, the National Weather Service issued a series of Severe Thunderstorm Warnings for portions of Benton and Walla Wall, Columbia, Asotin, and Garfield Counties. The last of the warnings expired late that evening.

## *SEOO Activity for the current month:*

32	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
12	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
799	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
37	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 5 exercises of which 1 were vessel spill drills.

## *Conducted the following tests:*

<b>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</b>	<b>Frequency of tests</b>	<b>Number of tests completed this month</b>	<b>Total number of stations tested this month</b>	<b>Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</b>	<b>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</b>
NAWAS	Twice daily	62	2014	1872	93%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	10	33%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	308	176	57%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	6	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	14	OPSCAN test	1 per day	31
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	4

## *Test information/definitions:*

- NAWAS: National Warning System Tests (NAWAS) over the State and Federal circuits. NAWAS connects over 1,800 State and Federal jurisdictions and agencies on the Federal circuit and all counties, some agencies and some tribes on the State circuit. there are 4 tests a day, testing 66 drops on 2 circuits. The number above reflects the 4 tests a day. Previously the number included the total number of stations contacted during those tests.
- DOE tests: Department of Energy Hanford Site has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here
- CGS tests: Columbia Generating Station has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- AHAB: All Hazards Alert Broadcast System is tested daily through the daily function tests, which tests the functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound siren systems. The voice and tone sirens are tested monthly. The AHAB Siren activates the coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- OPSCAN: Olympic Peninsula Public Safety Alliance Network (OPSCAN) connects public safety organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.
- STAEN: The State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN) connects state agency via an 800 MHz radio system.
- CEMNET: Comprehensive Emergency Management Network radio connecting all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console.
- King County 800 MHz System connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.